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Sir:

I, Ping Wang, M.D., hereby declare and state:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention which is described and claimed in the above-identified application (hereinafter "the Invention").

2. I am presently Professor and Chief, Division of Surgical Research, Department of Surgery, at the North Shore Long Island Jewish Research Institute of the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System.

4. I am a co-author, with Shaulong Yang, Mian Zhou and Dale E. Fowler, of the article entitled "Mechanisms of the beneficial effect of adrenomedullin and adrenomedullin-binding protein-1 in sepsis: Down regulation of proinflammatory cytokines" Crit. Care Med. 30:2729-2735 (hereinafter "the Article"). Of the four co-authors identified in the Article, I am the only co-author who is an inventor of the Invention. That is, I am the only co-author who participated in the conception of the Invention.

5. Shaulong Yang was a post-doctoral fellow, Mian Zhou was a senior research assistant, and Dale E. Fowler was a graduate student on a rotation in my laboratory. All

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of these Article authors worked entirely under my direction and supervision and did not contribute any conceptual aspects of the discoveries disclosed in the Article, and did not contribute to the Invention.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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